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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Howard Rosset Conant Sr.; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Conant Sr. was born in Chicago in 1924; he
5 was a graduate of Von Steuben High School; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Conant Sr. served his country with pride
7 and distinction as a Japanese interpreter in the United States
8 Army from 1943 to 1946 before earning his bachelor's degree
9 from the Wharton School of Business at the University of
10 Pennsylvania; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Conant Sr. founded Interstate Steel
12 Company, a steel service center, in Des Plaines in 1946 while
13 he was still a university student; he also served as president
14 of the Elliott Paint Company; when Elliott was acquired by the
15 Valspar Corporation, he became a director at Valspar; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Conant Sr. was an avid tennis player,
17 continuing to play singles and doubles tournaments until he was
18 85; in 2009 and 2010, he was a ranked #1 in singles by the
19 Chicago District Tennis Association in the 80 and over
20 division; he also loved books and his classes at Northwestern
21 University's Learning in Retirement Program; and

1 WHEREAS, Howard Conant Sr. was a director of Facets
2 Multimedia for over 30 years; he was also a founding member in
3 the Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace and an active
4 peace advocate throughout his life; and

5 WHEREAS, Howard Conant Sr. was preceded in death by his
6 parents and his sister, Doris Lawson; and

7 WHEREAS, Howard Conant Sr. is survived by his children,
8 Alison Conant (Rick Frank), Howard Jr. (Pam Rahmann) and
9 Meredith George, and his grandchildren, Sarah and Andy Frank,
10 Rachel and Sophie Conant, and Madelyn, Monica, and Mason
11 George; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 his family and friends, the passing of Howard Rosset Conant
15 Sr.; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Howard Conant Sr. as an expression
18 of our sympathy.